

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A lancet device comprising:
 - (a) a lancet including a seamless member which is hollowed along at least a portion of its length, the seamless member having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of the seamless member is shaped to include first and second sharpened tips, the first and second sharpened tips spaced directly opposite each other on the seamless member and extending parallel to a longitudinal axis of the seamless member, and wherein the seamless member is itself sufficiently rigid sufficiently rigid to penetrate skin without augmentation; and
 - (b) a lancet holder arranged and configured on the second end of the lancet to move the lancet a penetration distance to penetrate the skin of a patient with the first and second sharpened tips, wherein the penetration distance is less than a length of the sharpened tips.
2. (Previously Presented) The lancet device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the seamless member is in the form of a cylindrical tube.
3. (Previously Presented) A lancet device comprising:

a lancet including a unitary stainless steel member which is hollowed along at least a portion of its length, the unitary stainless steel member including a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of the unitary member includes first and second ground surfaces which at least partially define first and second sharpened tips and each define a gullet between the sharpened tips; and

a lancet holder arranged and configured on the second end of the lancet to move the lancet a penetration depth to penetrate the skin of a patient with the first and second sharpened tips, the penetration depth being less than a length of the gullet.

4. (Previously Presented) The lancet device as claimed in claim 3 wherein the unitary member is in the form of a cylindrical tube.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The lancet device as claimed in claim 35 wherein each of the first and second ground surfaces is a planar surface.

7. (Previously Presented) The lancet device as claimed in claim 6 wherein each of the first and second ground surfaces is a single angle ground surface.

8. (Currently Amended) The lancet device as claimed in claim 7 wherein the first ground surface extends from at the horizontal plane at an acute angle relative to at the longitudinal axis, wherein the horizontal plane is defined by the longitudinal axis and a lateral axis.

9. (Previously Presented) The lancet device as claimed in claim 8 wherein the first and second ground surfaces mirror one another about the horizontal plane.

10. (Previously Presented) The lancet device as claimed in claim 9 wherein each of the first and second ground surfaces extends approximately 180 degrees about the longitudinal axis.

11-31. (canceled)

32. (withdrawn) A lancet comprising:

(a) a unitary member which is hollowed along at least a portion of its length, said unitary member including a first end and a second end,

(b) wherein the first end of said unitary member is shaped to include first, second and third sharpened tips.

33. (withdrawn) The lancet of claim 32 wherein said unitary member is seamless.

34. (withdrawn) The lancet of claim 33 wherein said unitary member is in the form of a cylindrical tube.

35. (withdrawn) The lancet of claim 34 wherein the first end of said unitary member includes first, second and third ground surfaces.

36. (withdrawn) The lancet as claimed in claim 35 wherein said unitary member includes a longitudinal axis, a lateral axis, a vertical axis, a horizontal plane and a vertical plane.

37. (withdrawn) The lancet as claimed in claim 36 wherein each of said first, second and third ground surfaces is a planar surface.

38. (withdrawn) The lancet as claimed in claim 37 wherein each of said first, second and third ground surfaces is a single angle ground surface.

39. (withdrawn) The lancet as claimed in claim 38 wherein said first ground surface extends from the horizontal plane at an acute angle relative to the longitudinal axis.

40. (withdrawn) The lancet as claimed in claim 39 wherein each of said first, second and third ground surfaces extends approximately 120 degrees about the longitudinal axis.

41. (withdrawn) The lancet as claimed in claim 40 wherein said first, second and third ground surfaces are spaced equidistantly apart from one another.

42.-53. (canceled)

54. (withdrawn) A lancet comprising:

(a) a unitary member including a first end, a second end and a longitudinal axis,
(b) wherein the first end of said unitary member is shaped to include first, second and third ground surfaces which together at least partially define a single tip and first, second and third cutting edges.

55. (withdrawn) The lancet of claim 54 wherein the first, second and third cutting edges are spaced approximately 120 degrees apart from one another about the longitudinal axis.

56-58. (canceled)

59. (withdrawn) A lancet comprising:

(a) a unitary member including a first end, a second end and a longitudinal axis,
(b) wherein the first end of said unitary member is shaped to include first, second, third and fourth ground surfaces which together at least partially define a single tip and first, second, third and forth cutting edges.

60. (withdrawn) The lancet of claim 59 wherein the first, second, third and fourth cutting edges are spaced approximately 90 degrees apart from one another about the longitudinal axis.

61-62. (canceled)

63. (Currently Amended) A lancet device comprising:

a lancet including a partially hollow member having an outer wall, a first end, a second end and a length therebetween, wherein the outer wall defines a first ground surface and a second ground surface, the first and second ground surfaces each forming a gullet that extends approximately 180 degrees about a longitudinal axis of the lancet forming at an intersection a first tip and a second tip at the first end, and wherein the outer wall is itself sufficiently rigid has sufficient rigidity to draw fluid from a patient without augmentation; and

a lancet holder arranged and configured on the second end of the lancet to move the lancet to a penetration depth to penetrate the skin of a patient with the first and second tips, the penetration depth being less than a length of the gullet measured along the longitudinal axis.

64. (Canceled)

65. (Previously Presented) The lancet device of claim 63, wherein the first tip and the second tip are separated by first and second ground surfaces.

66. (Currently Amended) The lancet device of claim 63 wherein the member is in the form of a cylindrical tube.

67. -69. (Canceled)